

# *In the Loop*

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The Surrey White Rock Literacy Task Group helps you stay in the loop on literacy news, events, and resources. Please share this newsletter with your colleagues and networks.

We can help you and your clients find literacy/learning programs in Surrey and White Rock. Give us a call and we'll brainstorm some solutions.

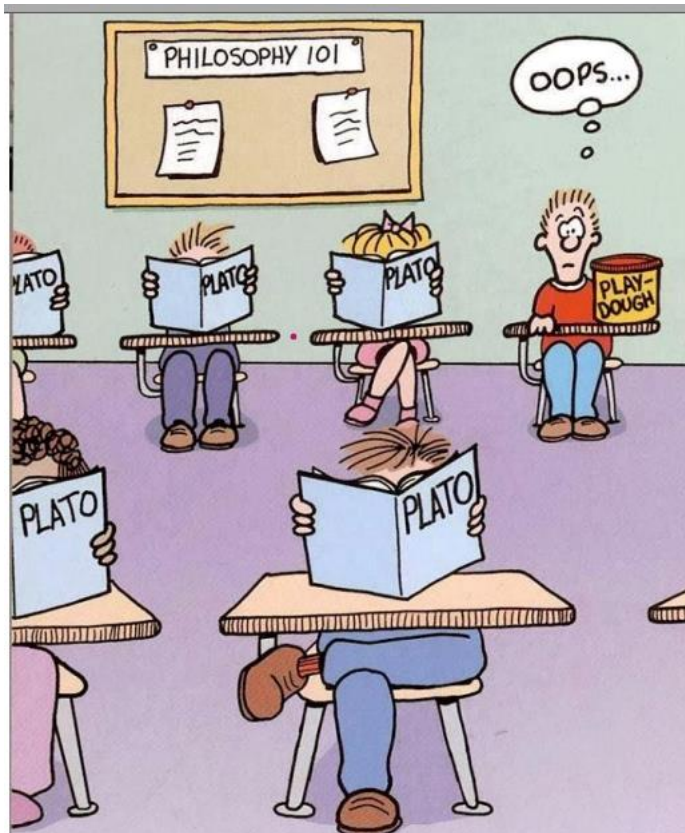
## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

- February 28 is [Pink Shirt Day](#).
- DiverseCity is offering [Newcomers Beginner Computer Classes](#).
- Check out the Agriculture Literacy Challenge for Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month in the attached poster.
- The IMPACT 2.0 Youth Employment Research Project supports youth with developmental disabilities as they transition from school to work. The project is recruiting youth participants now. See attached backgrounder and recruitment poster.
- You're invited to the MOSAIC Seniors' Club [Musical Theatre Premiere: Seniors Take On Things We Never Talk About](#) on March 13, 2024, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Michael J Fox Theatre in Burnaby. This unique musical is performed by immigrant seniors, sharing their heartwarming stories through heartfelt songs and captivating storytelling. Admission is FREE, but seats are limited! [Register now](#).

## RESOURCES/PRO-D/NEWS

- [Adolescent literacy!](#)
- [Supporting Students With Dysgraphia](#)
- [The Restaurant of Mistaken Orders](#) and the [Café of Mistaken Orders](#)
- [Handwriting Boosts Brain Connectivity and Learning](#)
- [Skills for Success: Digital](#)
- Funding options through [StudentAidBC](#)
- [Indigenous Scholarships and Awards](#) offered by the BC Scholarship Society.

## LITERACY LAUGH





# AGRICULTURE LITERACY CHALLENGE



## PLANT, GROW, EAT, SHARE

**CALLING ALL BC LEARNERS!** To celebrate Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM) we are launching an agriculture literacy challenge in March. Grow your knowledge of Canadian farming and food through reading, planting and eating! Log your reading and ag-tivities to be entered to win prizes!

## OVER \$2,125 IN PRIZES

- 🌱 **EARLY BIRD PRIZE DRAWS:** Register by **February 23** for a chance to win **1 of 2 \$50 Indigo gift cards**. Plus, the first 25 teachers to register will receive \$25 Starbucks gift cards!
- 🌱 **WEEKLY DRAWS:** Active participants (who read books, complete activities, and post reviews during March) have a chance to win **1 of 2 \$100 Indigo gift cards**.
- 🌱 **GRAND PRIZE DRAWS:** Win **1 of 2 \$250 Indigo gift cards** and BCAITC Literacy Prize Pack!



Read books or complete activities about food and farming! Write reviews and share what you're learning for more chances to win prizes!

### Register and Participate in the Challenge:

1. Go to <https://aitc.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack Tracker app from the Google or Apple store.
2. Register as an individual/family or class/group.\*
3. Select the challenge, and explore the overview and accompanying badges.
4. To log minutes of reading, or activities or write a review, click the buttons on the top left-hand corner of the site.

\* If you participated in last year's Challenge, you can log into your account and then make changes to your participants



## #CALM24

Sharing is caring - use #CALM24 on social media to share your updates and photos of students reading about agriculture in British Columbia! Questions about CALM? Need assistance? Email Holly Johnson, BCAITC Education Specialist at [teacher@aitc.ca](mailto:teacher@aitc.ca).



<http://aitc.beanstack.org>

### Book for CALM 2024





# TEACHER'S PICKS

## PLANT

Read any of these books about PLANTING or participate in any of these hands-on planting activities for entries!



### ACTIVITIES



Plant Something  
Bee Friendly  
Elementary



Plant Something  
Bee Friendly  
Intermediate



Plant Something  
Bee Friendly  
Secondary



Planting a Rainbow  
by Lois Ehlert  
978-0152626105



Plant the Tiny Seed  
by Christie Matheson  
978-0062393395



From Seed to Plant  
by Gail Gibbons  
978-0823410255



Jack's Garden  
by Henry Cole  
978-0688135010



The Hidden Rainbow  
by Christie Matheson  
978-0062393418



Alex's First Seed  
978-0-9730461-4-4



My Garden  
by Kevin Henkes  
978-0061715174

## GROW

Read any of these books about GROWING and participate in any of these hands-on growing activities for entries!



### ACTIVITIES



Grow BC  
Scavenger Hunt



Read about any  
Grow BC Commodity



Grow Pumpkin Seeds  
in the Classroom



### BOOKS



No Dig Kid's  
Gardening Book  
by Charles Dowding  
978-1783129195



How to Grow  
a Monster  
by Kiki Thorpe  
978-1635922776



Zee Grows a Tree  
by Elizabeth Rusch  
978-0763697549



Sylvia's Spinach  
by Katherine Pryor  
978-0983661542



Alfalfabet  
by Carol Watterson  
978-0981231709



## EAT

Read any of these books about EATING and participate in any of these hands-on eating activities for entries!



### ACTIVITIES



BC ABC  
Juice



Strawberry Creation



Moolicious  
Smoothies



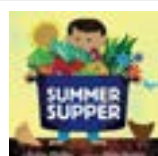
Egg Dippers



Mini Greek Salad  
Cucumber Cups



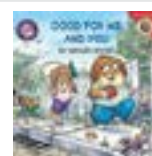
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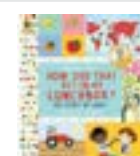
Summer Supper  
by Rubin Pfeffer  
978-1524714642



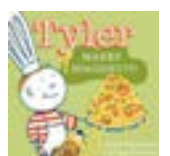
I Will Never Not Ever  
Eat a Tomato  
by Lauren Child  
978-0763621803



Good For Me and You  
by Mercer Meyer  
978-0060539481



How Did That Get  
In My Lunchbox  
by Chris Butterworth  
& Lucia Gaggiotti  
978-0763665036

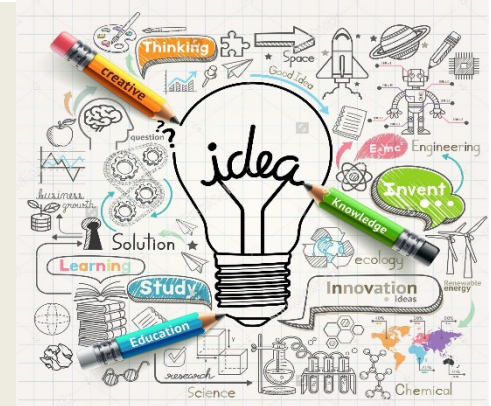


Tyler Makes  
Spaghetti  
by Tyler Florence  
978-0062047564

## SHARE

Share any pictures of your class participating in any of the PLANT, GROW, EAT activities or books for more entries! Post a picture of your class reading Plant, Grow, Eat, Share for 25 bonus entries.

# Youth Employment Research Project



## Come and learn about the IMPACT 2.0 PROJECT!

- This project is a great opportunity for youth ages 16 -19 or students from Grades 10 through 13 who are preparing to move from secondary to post-secondary and/or employment
- Improve your employment outcomes
- Learn about your employment related interests and strengths
- Help to prepare for success in the workplace through a series of learning labs Building your skills sets through interactive activities
- Learning how to apply and interview for work
- Expanding your circle of people and networks

**Start date: June 3, 2024**

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In partnership with 10 agencies along with University of British Columbia, The main aim of IMPACT 2.0 is to address employment rates for youth with developmental disabilities by intervening with youth as they transition from school to work. The project proposes to establish evidence-based best practice for employment intervention activities and refine and test the employment best practices each year to see if employment outcomes improve as the best practices are tested and updated into a standardized approach.

● **RECRUITING YOUTH PARTICIPANTS!**

# IMPACT 2.0



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**RECRUITMENT ONGOING TILL FEBRUARY 29, 2024**  
**PROGRAM DATE JUNE TO AUGUST 2024**





**MOSAIC**  
Engaging Newcomers, Enriching Communities



*Seniors Take On*

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# Things We **NEVER** Talk About

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Come join the Musical Theatre Premier Show that explores the challenging issues of elder abuse and myths about age-appropriate behaviour, while enjoying the fun that is sometimes forgotten as we age. The musical is performed by immigrant seniors!



March 13, 2024 1:30-3:00 pm



Michael J Fox Theatre  
7373 MacPherson  
Avenue, Burnaby



Register for free tickets



[seniors@mosaicbc.org](mailto:seniors@mosaicbc.org)  
604-362 4318

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